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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Papen ORIGINAL DATE 2/13/2007
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE NMSU Art-Related Travel SB 909
ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$25.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
NM Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 909 appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure in FY08 to provide funding for undergraduate students in the Art Department to travel to an out-of-town art show.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$25,000 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HED indicates that funding SB909 would benefit economically disadvantaged art students who are unable to travel outside their immediate area due to lack of financial resources. Many NMSU art students have never visited a museum or viewed important exhibitions. The recognition of the differences in how artists in other cultures and at other periods in history have approached and

viewed their art experience, creates an appreciation and an understanding of one's culture and a marked sophistication in one's creative endeavors.

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